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Mr Thomas White in the *Amity* is returned to London with two Spanish prizes which he reporteth to have taken on the 26th July off the coast of Barbary

At four in the morning, having sighted two ships about three or four leagues distant, that proved to be a Biscayan and a fly-boat,, they came within gunshot by seven, supposing by their boldness in having the King of Spain's arms displayed that they were ships of war

The enemy having placed themselves in warlike order, one a cable's length from the other, the *Amity* began the fight, m which our men continued as fast as they were able to charge and discharge for the space of five hours, being never a cable's length distant from either

In this time they received divers shot both in the hull of the ship, masts and sails to the number of 32 great, besides 500 musket shot, and harquebuses a crock at least And because they per-ceived the enemy to be stout, our men thought good to board the Biscayan which was head on to the other, where lying aboard about an hour and playing their ordnance, in the end they stowed all the enemy's men Then the other in the flyboat, thinking our men had entered into their fellow, bare room with the *Amity* meaning to have laid her aboard and so entrapped her between them both But the *Amity,* quitting herself of her enemy, hoisted top sails and weathered them both Then coming hard aboard the flyboat with her ordnance prepared, gave her whole broadside and slew several so that our men saw the blood running out at the scupper holes After that they cast about, new charged all the ordnance, and, coming upon them again, willed them to yield or else they would sink them

whereupon the one would have yielded, which was shot between and water, but the other called him traitor To whom our men made answer that if he would not also yield immediately, they would sink him first Thereupon, understanding their determination, he put out a white flag and yielded, yet they refused to strike their own sails because they were sworn never to strike to any English-man The captains and masters were then commanded to come aboard, which they did, and after examination and stowing some, certain of our men were sent aboard who struck